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SUBJECT: KOFI ANNAN ON HIS RWANDA MISSION

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2. IN A CONVERSATION SEPTEMBER 21 WITH UN U/SYG FOR PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS KOFI ANNAN AND SENIOR U.N. MILITARY ADVISOR, GENERAL MAURICE BARRIL, ON

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE REVIEW AUTHORITY: ARCHIE M BOLSTER DATE/CASE ID: 04 NOV 2011 201005065 O RWANDA I ASKED
ER THAT HE UNCLASSIFIED
PRIOR TO HIS

SOMALIA MATTERS, SINCE THEY HAD JUST RETURNED FROM A THREE-DAY (SEPT. 19-21) MISSION TO RWANDA I ASKED ANNAN IF HE HAD ANY PARTICULAR MATTER THAT HE WANTED TO CALL TO USUN'S ATTENTION PRIOR TO HIS RETURN TO NEW YORK. (ANNAN AND BARRIL ARE STOPPING FOR A FEW DAYS ON THE WAY BACK IN U.K., WHERE ANNAN WILL GIVE A SPEECH.)

3. ANNAN SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT WE KNOW THAT HE HAD ADDRESSED IN STRONG TERMS WITH THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT THE ISSUE OF ALLEGATIONS OF KILLINGS OF RETURNEES BY THE RWANDAN PATRIOTIC ARMY (RPA). HE SAID HE HAD TOLD THE GOVERNMENT THAT THE U.N. TOOK THESE REPORTS VERY SERIOUSLY AND THAT A JOINT U.N., UNHOR, AND GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATION OF THEM SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT QUICKLY. INVESTIGATORS SHOULD HAVE FREE ACCESS ACROSS THE COUNTRY; UNAMIR FORCES WOULD NOT CARRY OUT THE INVESTIGATION BUT WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO SERVE AS EYES AND EARS FOR THE JOINT BODY. ANNAN SAID THIS STEP WAS URGENTLY NEEDED AND CONFIDENTIAL

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ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL IF THE REFUGEES IN NEIGHBORING
COUNTRIES WERE TO FEEL THAT IT WAS SAFE FOR THEM TO
RETURN TO RWANDA.

4. ANNAN ALSO SAID HE WOULD BE RAISING WITH US UPON HIS RETURN TO THE U.S. A POSSIBLE ICITAP POLICE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR RWANDA. DESPITE THE SHORTFALL OF THE PROGRAM IN SOMALIA (WHERE THE CONTINUED ABSENCE OF A GOVERNMENT FINALLY CAUSED THE POLICE TRAINING PROGRAM TO BECOME ANACHRONISTIC) ANNAN SAID HE BELIEVED THAT THE PROGRAM WAS AN EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE ONE AND APPROPRIATE FOR RWANDA AT THIS TIME. I TOLD HIM WE APPRECIATED THE KIND WORDS ON THE PROGRAM BUT HAD NO IDEA WHETHER SUCH A PROGRAM WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR RWANDA AT THIS TIME, GIVEN OUR OTHER COMMITMENTS. BRAZEAL

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